

Speaking the Truth in Love, Growing Up in Christ

- Christ himself has given his Church everything necessary to grow up in him and build up his Church, Ephesians 4:11-16.
- He has given us the foundation.
- Now we choose to either remain children or to grow up in him.
- The hinge point in our text? “Speaking the truth in love.”

(Psalm 15:1-3 NKJV) LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?
 2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And **speaks the truth in his heart**;
 3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend.

(Zechariah 8:16 NKJV) These are the things you shall do: **Speak each man the truth to his neighbor**; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace.

(Proverbs 25:18 NKJV) A man who bears **false witness against his neighbor** Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

(Psalm 4:4-5 NKJV) Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD.

(Jeremiah 9:3 NKJV) “And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. **They are not valiant for the truth on the earth**. For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me,” says the LORD.

